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1. REF: HQS AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT INFILTRATION INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDE PSYCH IMPACT AS WELL AS UNIFYING INFLUENCE SCATTERED DISSIDENT ELEMENTS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE. HOWEVER BELIEVE AMBIDY-ONE SUITABILITY THIS MISSION IS QUESTIONABLE.

2. OPINION HERE IS THAT SIGNIFICANT PSYCH EFFECT BE GAINED ONLY BY REAPPEARANCE OF POLIT OR MILIT FIGURE WITH NATIONAL STATURE CAPABLE CREATING SENSATION THAT BIG EVENTS IN OFFING. SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AMBIDY WAS MOST OBSCURE FIGURE PRIOR DEFECTION AND WHILE RESPECTED AND ADMIRER HIS CIRCLES (YOUNG CATHOLIC GROUPS), HIS TOTAL REPUTATION LARGELY OUR OWN MAKING AS MEMBER AMCIGAR. IF THIS REALISTICALLY TRANSLATED INTO TERMS PROBABLE IMPACT HIS RETURN CUBA, MUST CONCLUDE IT BE SLIGHT.

3. SIMILARLY FEEL AMBIDY LACKING IN QUALITIES NEEDED EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZE GUERRILLA FORCES. HE HAS ONLY SMATTERING MILIT TRNG HIS BACKGROUND AND DOES NOT MEASURE UP AS SEASONED SOLDIER WHICH SUCH A MISSION REQUIRES.

4. IN LIGHT THESE AMBIDY LIMITATIONS AND ALSO IN CONSIDERATION SECURITY RISKS INCURRED BY REASON AMBIDY VAST FUND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE AMRASP ORGANIZATION, INSTALLATIONS, PEPRIME CONNECTIONS, CANNOT APPROVE HIS ASSIGNMENT.

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5. HOWEVER HQS WISHES PURSUE GENERAL PURPOSES PROPOSED MISSION AND ATTEMPT ENLIST MORE SUITABLE INDIVIDUALS. NOTWITHSTANDING DIFFICULTIES WITH AMBER AND FACT THAT HE TO DEGREE INCOMPATIBLE, FEEL HE WOULD CREATE DESIRED EFFECT AS POLIT FIGURE AND MIGHT HAVE SUFFICIENT ATTRACTIVITY CONSOLIDATE GUERRILLA FORCES. WHILE SAME SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AS ABOVE APPLY FEEL THAT CALCULATED RISK PERHAPS MORE WARRANTED THAN CASE AMBIDY. THUS FEEL CAREFUL SCHEMING MAY BE TAKEN AMBER. NO FIRM COMMITMENTS TO BE MADE AT MOMENT.

6. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NEXT STEP.

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WE COMMENT: * Ref set forth tentative plan to infiltrate AMBIDY into Pinar del Rio Province at Rio San Diego.

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